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The most interesting news in foreign nursing affairs, just now, is that of the International nursing plans under the Red Cross Leagues. As our own Red Cross has a JOURNAL department, we have expected to read there of the organization work of Miss Fitzgerald and her colleagues, and no doubt Miss Noyes will write it up on her return.

The nurses selected from the various countries are studying at the College of Nursing, Kings College, London, preparatory to taking up their fields of work at home. This should make a wonderful chapter for the History of the American Red Cross Nursing Service, now nearing completion, being indeed nearly ready for Miss Noyes' finishing touches.

It is a race, the whole world over, between the powers of life conservation and death dealing. The former seem sometimes by comparison with the latter, pitifully frail, pathetically penniless, and remind one of young David, armed only with his sling, meeting the old Goliath in all his armor, (his feet, no doubt, planted firmly on all the kerosene supply of the world).

With us at home, the two powers are typified by our women, besieging Congress for a pittance to support the Maternity and Child-saving act, in comparison with the sums of unheard-of hugeness that are demanded by Army and Navy.

But we take comfort from remembering that David overthrew the giant. So, too, can women, if they will, overthrow the blight of this strange idolatry of Molach. As to child saving, we have been interested to learn, recently, that in Australia and New Zealand, where the best results have been gained, birth-control is a part of the child conservation, and a natural, logical part. More should be said about this, for it is not generally known, and especially in our country, where there is so much legislative false modesty and ignorance of what more advanced countries are doing in humaniculture; it is important to know that birth control is immediately related to the highest type of human product. Have we not all heard of the magnificent beauty of the Australians, and do we not know their quality? All our soldiers came back from France talking about it.